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FOAC-ILLEA NEWSLETTER 4/17/22

Folks,

This has been a very eventful fortnight leading into the holiday weekend. As many families geared up to celebrate Passover, observed the Holy week, or prepared to enjoy a few days off in the spring, the anti-Liberty forces were scrambling to find new and exciting ways to restrict law abiding citizens. FOAC-ILLEA was also busy doing what it does; educating and fighting for the rights and Liberties of all Pennsylvanians.



Why You Should Care About the whole "Ghost Gun" issue and the ATF Final Ruling

Building guns has always been an American pastime. Just like making clothing or a building a fire to stay warm, Americans have built their own guns to feed and protect themselves and their families since before there was the United States.

The recent ATF "Final Ruling" should be of great concern to any gun owner and any American that values individual Rights and Liberties. This ruling was surely made possible with the precedent set by classifying a bump stock as a "machine gun". The potential damage to our Rights and Liberties potentially

goes far beyond putting a number onto an 80% polymer lower or a piece of plastic.

Read words from the actual document:

Section III

A. Definition of "Firearm"

In the NPRM, the Department proposed adding a sentence at the end of the definition of "firearm" in 27 CFR 478.11 to reflect existing case law, providing that "[t]he term shall include a weapon parts kit that is designed to or may readily be assembled, completed, converted, or restored to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive." However, the proposed amendment was not intended to affect the classification of a weapon, including a weapon parts kit, in which the frame or receiver (as defined in the proposed rule) of such weapon is properly destroyed.

Have you ever built an AR-15? When will it be required to serialize a "receiver" and require a background check to buy an upper? The new ruling does make exception to "AR-15's" however, will that change on the next "final" ruling? As I say, mountains are moved one shovel full at a time or with dynamite; our Rights are being chipped away, one ruling at a time.

Likely this ruling will find resistance in the courts, but the lasting negative effects on law abiding gun owners is palpable.

The With House said it is "Cracking down on ghost guns – the weapon of choice for many violent criminals". Rather than enforcing existing laws and holding local elected officials accountable for releasing violent criminals back into society, it would rather fund an army of ATF agents to arrest you for owning a piece of un-serialized plastic rather than apprehend CRIMINALS that victimize citizens and commit crimes of violence.

So why the shift in narrative?

For many years the anti-liberty forces within and outside of government demonized AR-15's and semi-automatic "assault rifles". In years past, they vilified "undetectable" polymer striker fired pistols. So why this somewhat recent push on "Ghost Guns"? Over the last 2 years MILLIONS of Americans purchased their first firearm because they felt the need to protect their family and exercise their 2A Right to keep and bear arms.

The post-covid gun owners are not just conservative white guys or folks who wear olive drab and cammies. There are MILLIONS of new men and women from various backgrounds, races, and creeds that purchased MILLIONS AND MILLIONS of guns including AR-15's and striker fired polymer handguns over the past 2 years. The anti-Liberty forces are keenly aware that the traditional anti-gun rhetoric could now, more than ever, backfire on them at the polls in November.

So why target such a small subsection of "firearm" owners by waging a war on personally made firearms (PMF's)?

Less Americans will feel a direct effect on their Rights. New post covid gun owners are likely not aware of the process of building guns, or the history and tradition of gun building, and not know how much work, time and money goes into building your own gun. It is certainly not a cost saver. Therefore, less of those new post-covid gun owners will bat an eye.

Words matter. The language that is defined, redefined, and re-interpreted in this new "final ruling" *could* later be expanded and re-defined, and re-interpreted to mean AR uppers, pistol slides, and even muzzleloaders. Will you someday need to be an authorized gunsmith or manufacturer to do a stipple job on a pistol or change out a barrel, or mount an optic?

Pay close attention to this and all the other things that are going on federally. If you own ANY gun or press a trigger, you should care about the restriction, limitation or banning of ANY GUN OR GUN RELATED ITEM. It should matter to all of us.

**Firearms Owners Against Crime Institute for
Legal, Legislative, and Educational Action
(FOAC-ILLEA) has filed suit in the**

Commonwealth Court against the Pennsylvania State Police

As a result of substantial delays in the processing of background checks for the purchase/transfer of firearms and for licenses to carry firearms, Firearms Owners Against Crime Institute for Legal, Legislative and Educational Action (FOAC-ILLEA) secured the services of Chief Counsel Joshua Prince Esq and attorney Dillon Harris Esq of Firearms Industry Consulting Group (FICG), a division of Civil Rights Defense Firm, P.C., and filed suit against the Pennsylvania State Police (Docket Number 281 MD 2022).

The Pennsylvania State Police directly infringes upon and often delays, due to PSP Commissioner Evanchick's practices and policies, the Rights of law-abiding Pennsylvanians and business owners by forcing citizens to submit to the antiquated and cumbersome Pennsylvania Instant Check System (PICS) so that they can gain permission from the government to exercise their most basic Constitutional Rights; to be armed and to bear arms.

As set-forth in the lawsuit, PSP Commissioner Evanchick has instituted a practice, in direct defiance of the General Assembly's mandate. Our general counsel, Josh Prince, has been quoted: *As set-forth in the lawsuit, PSP Commissioner Evanchick has instituted a practice, in direct defiance of the General Assembly's mandate, that purposely understaffs the PSP's Instant Check Unit by **only employing two PSP officers and a number of civilians (less than 90) as operators for conducting almost 1.5 million background checks per year**, resulting in delays, as admitted by the PSP on its own website, that typically exceed 7 hours, and in some occasions, exceed 34 hours, even though the statutes require the background check system to be "instantaneous."* As a result of Commissioner Evanchick's practice, numerous individuals have been disenfranchised of their statutory and constitutional rights under the Pennsylvania and U.S. Constitutions and therefore, we are seeking not only declaratory relief that Commissioner Evanchick's practice is unlawful, but additionally an injunction requiring the PSP to comply with the General Assembly's mandate that the background check system be instantaneous.

FOAC-ILLEA President, Kim Stolfer, says; *we have been tracking and interacting with the legislature since 1998. The futility of decades of lobbying has ended up leaving us 'no choice' but to file this legal action! If we are interested in solving this problem and restoring system integrity then we simply cannot rely on the bureaucratic leadership of the Pennsylvania State Police and must seek the intervention of the courts.*

Fighting tyranny in the courts is not cheap. If you or your company or organization would like to donate to the FOAC-ILLEA legal fund please contact info@foac-illea.org and let us know!



FOAC-ILLEA Board Member Showcase: By Jim Stoker

So, the question that's been posed to me to answer for this article is... who am I?



That sounds like an easy reply when you first think of it, and then you realize that each and every one of us is a multi-faceted mix of experiences. I suppose I'm a father, husband, police officer, veteran, firearms enthusiast, car guy, and Constitutionalist all rolled into one. So how did I get here?

My father was a Vietnam veteran, and my youth was filled with moments of wearing his uniform for Halloween and studying military history at a very early age. From Collier's Yearbooks that focused in great detail on World War II to arguing with high school hippie leftover teachers that the American soldier actually WON the Vietnam conflict, back to Alexander the Great and his defeat of Darius at Gaugamela (my high school paper). Military history was king with me.

At 17 I enlisted in the Air Force, (my first oath to the Constitution) turning down offers to fly helicopters in the Army or be a nuclear engineer on a sub in the Navy. I chose to be a security specialist in the Air Force, falling for the recruiter's line that I'd have plenty of time to study for my college courses and attain my commission. They assigned me to a nuclear weapons security role. The goal was flying F-15's... and boy did I approach that all wrong. When the Berlin Wall was taken down, the commissioning programs went away and I was left serving out the remainder of my 6 year term with no hope of achieving that goal.

The advantage though was I carried M-60's and M-203's almost daily and went to school after school the Air Force wanted me to attend. Those included some advanced combat courses, sniper school, and assignments to specialized units, with some short deployments to some unfriendly environments. I served and mustered out at 23.

From there a short stint with armored trucks led me to starting a career in law enforcement, (second and then third oaths to the Constitution) and now 28 years later I'm about to retire from a great department that has taken care of me and my family for a long, long time. I've experienced things most people will never see in their lives, some good some bad, but it's enabled me to help mostly good people for nearly three decades.

I bought my first privately owned rifle (an HK-91 I still own) with my first tax return in the Air Force for \$600 in 1989. From there I enjoyed gun clubs in the service, and friends and family alike who've experienced most of what the firearms world has to offer. My interest in firearms helped me to meet several members of F.O.A.C. along the way that piqued my interest in applying my oaths to the Constitution to defending our rights. Adding my law enforcement education to my interest in gun related topics, my strong belief that the Constitution supersedes all, and before you know it I'm a life member and on the Board of Directors. I've run my own firearms business for six years now from my kitchen table, review the legislation proposed in both Pennsylvania and Washington D.C. daily, and now after Kim Stolfer's influence, travel western Pennsylvania representing our organization teaching concealed carry seminars with a merry band of men and woman educating citizens and politicians alike. All to further the cause we, as an organization, have advancing the 2nd Amendment.

So that's me... gun enthusiast, Constitutionalist, public servant, and all around busybody... and I thank those of you who've put your faith in me to make a difference.



Jim Stoker presenting at a FOAC-ILLEA Concealed Carry Seminar

FOAC-ILLEA Events

Firearms License to Carry Satellite Event

Date: 04/23/2022

8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Location: Ohio Township Volunteer Fire Company

Address: 1719 Roosevelt Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15237

more information

Concealed Carry Seminar – Sponsored by Rep. Jason Silvis

Date: 04/28/2022

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Location: West Leechburg VFD Recreation Hall

Address: 1116 Gosser Street, West Leechburg, PA 15656

more information

Concealed Carry Seminar - Sponsored by Rep. Mike Puskaric

Date: 04/30/2022

10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Location: Elizabeth Township Sportmen's Association

Address: 1501 Nichols Hill Rd. 15037

more information

FOAC-ILLEA Monthly Meeting - May

Date: 05/8/2022

10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Location: South Fayette Township Municipal Bldg.

Address: 515 Millers Run Road, Morgan, PA 15064

more information

Concealed Carry Seminar - sponsored by Rep. Josh Kail

Date: 05/10/2022

5:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Location: Avella Volunteer Fire Department

Address: 1560 Avella Road 15061

more information

Firearms License to Carry Satellite Event

Date: 05/14/2022

8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Location: Monroeville Boro Office

Address: 2700 Monroeville Blvd., Monroeville, PA 15146

more information

Concealed Carry Seminar - sponsored by Rep. Matt Dowling

Date: 05/18/2022

6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Location: Farmington Volunteer Fire Department

Address: 119 Elliotsville Road 15437

more information

FOAC-ILLEA Monthly Meeting - June

Date: 06/12/2022

10:00 am to 1:00 pm
Location: South Fayette Township Municipal Bldg.
Address: 515 Millers Run Road, Morgan, PA 15064
more information

Firearms License to Carry Satellite Event
Date: 06/25/2022
8:00 am to 3:00 pm
Location: South Park Community Center
Address: 2575 Browssville Rd., South Park, PA 15129
more information

FOAC-ILLEA Monthly Meeting - July
Date: 07/10/2022
10:00 am to 1:00 pm
Location: South Fayette Township Municipal Bldg.
Address: 515 Millers Run Road, Morgan, PA 15064
more information

Firearms License to Carry Satellite Event
Date: 07/16/2022
8:00 am to 3:00 pm
Location: North Fayette Community Center
Address: 580 Donaldson Rd., Oakdale, PA 15071
more information

Firearms License to Carry Satellite Event
Date: 08/6/2022
8:00 am to 3:00 pm
Location: Allegheny Valley Volunteer Fire Company
Address: 851 Parkway Dr., Harwick, PA 15049
more information

FOAC-ILLEA Monthly Meeting - August
Date: 08/14/2022
10:00 am to 1:00 pm
Location: South Fayette Township Municipal Bldg.
Address: 515 Millers Run Road, Morgan, PA 15064
more information

Concealed Carry Seminar - sponsored by Rep. Barb Gleim
Date: 08/17/2022
6:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Location: Carlisle Fire and Rescue
Address: 117 Carlisle Springs Road 17013
more information

FOAC Monthly Meeting - September
Date: 09/11/2022
10:00 am to 1:00 pm
Location: South Fayette Township Municipal Bldg.
Address: 515 Millers Run Road, Morgan, PA 15064
more information

Harrisburg 2A Rally
Date: 9/12/2022
10:00 am
Location: Pennsylvania Capitol Stairs
Address: 501 N. Third St, Harrisburg, PA 17101
more information

Firearms License to Carry Satellite Event
Date: 09/17/2022
8:00 am to 3:00 pm
Location: Forward Township Municipal Building
Address: 1000 Golden Cir., Elizabeth, PA 15037
more information

Firearms License to Carry Satellite Event
Date: 10/1/2022
8:00 am to 3:00 pm
Location: Crescent Township Municipal Building
Address: 225 Spring Run Rd., Glenwillard, PA 15046
more information

FOAC-ILLEA Monthly Meeting - October
Date: 10/9/2022
10:00 am to 1:00 pm
Location: South Fayette Township Municipal Bldg.
Address: 515 Millers Run Road, Morgan, PA 15064

more information

FOAC-ILLEA Monthly Meeting - November
 Date: 11/13/2022
 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
 Location: South Fayette Township Municipal Bldg.
 Address: 515 Millers Run Road, Morgan, PA 15064
more information

FOAC-ILLEA Annual Meeting and Holiday Luncheon - December
 Date: 12/11/2022
 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
 Location: TBD
 Address: TBD 15064
more information

**CONGRATULATIONS GEORGIA**

Georgia Governor Kemp signs Constitutional Carry on April 12th, 2022.

Georgia joins the fold.... 25 States....
 25 to go!

Article V Constitutional Convention UPDATE

By Dr. Charles Gallo, 1st VP FOAC-ILLEA



I want to thank all those who responded to and re-circulated the April 12th [action alert](#) by FOAC-ILLEA to oppose resolutions in the Pa State Senate calling for an Article 5 Constitutional Convention.

The resolutions at issue were SR67, SR 152 and SR 227. Thanks for taking an action step and contacting the Pa Senators to voice your opposition.

The last actions on the resolutions are as follows: SR67 (Supreme Court at 9) were reported out of State Government Committee on 12/14/2021, SR 152 (COS) was reported out of State Government Committee on 2/7/2022, SR227 (Term limits) was referred to Intergovernmental Operations on 2/18/2022, and SR127 (also Term Limits) was referred to State Government Committee on 6/9/2021. Track the resolution by [clicking here](#) and [here](#).

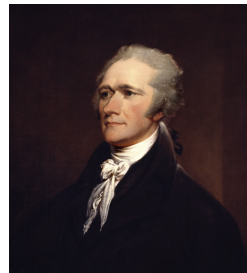
Please continue to contact the Senators to express your opposition. Those voted out of committee SR67 and SR152 need special emphasis so that they will not be brought up on a Senate vote. Contact info for the Pa Senate can be found by [clicking here](#). Senate Majority Leader is Sen. Kim L. Ward (717) 787-6063 ask her not to bring up these resolutions for a floor vote.

Contact information for Pa Senate Committees – State Government and Intergovernmental Operations can be found by [clicking here](#).

FOAC-ILEA has been working in conjunction with Judi Caler, who is involved in an [organization which is addressing and opposing these dangerous petitions on a national level](#). They have had success in several states rescinding their petitions.

Quote:

"The Constitution shall never be construed... to prevent the people of the United States who are peaceable citizens from keeping their own arms."
 – Alexander Hamilton



Closing Thoughts



For many of you yesterday was Good Friday and you will be spending time with family and friends to celebrate Easter on Sunday. Some of you are began to celebrate Passover last night. Others may be enjoying a wonderful 3-day weekend and Spring Break. Whatever it is, be sure to reflect upon the freedom that we have and give thanks.

Understand that Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of happiness are fragile and wonderful things worth fighting for. Next week, as you get back to whatever your normal life is, try to do something to protect those freedoms from those who are working to restrict, limit, or abolish those freedoms. If each of us does something, WE can accomplish everything.

If you would like to donate your time, talents, or treasure and help the ALL-VOLUNTEER team at FOAC-ILLEA, [email us and let us know](#). YOU can help US help ALL Pennsylvanians exercise and protect their Rights.

Happy Easter!

Stay Armed and Be Well Regulated!

Yours Most Respectfully,

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2nd VP FOAC-ILLEA